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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

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Tariffs Implementing
Access Charge Reform

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CC Docket No. 97-250

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MOTION OF SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SBC Communications Inc. (SBC), on behalf of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell, and pursuant to Sections 1.3 and 1.46 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), hereby respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for the filing of the refund report (currently required to be filed in this matter on August 31, 1998) to October 29, 1998.

The MO&O released June 1, 1998 ordered Pacific Bell to submit a plan for issuing refunds to carriers reflecting the adjustments to the Pacific Bell non-primary line count as prescribed in Section II.A of the MO&O.¹ SBC has challenged the MO&O's refund and prescription in its Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) filed July 1, 1998. Under 47 U.S.C. Section 405 (b)(1), the Commission is required to act on the Petition by September 29, 1998.

Good cause for granting this request exists. The decision on the Petition may negate the need for the refund report. The Commission's decision on reconsideration will be issued within a month of the refund report's current due date. Thus, SBC respectfully suggests that all parties would be served by delaying the filing date for the refund report until approximately one month

¹ Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 97-250, Memorandum Opinion and Order, (FCC 98-106) (rel. June 1, 1998) (MO&O).

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after the decision on the Petition is rendered. This delay would avoid the work effort in preparing the report, the work effort by the Commission staff in reviewing the report, and the writing of an order on the report, all of which would be for naught if the Petition is granted.

SBC notes that only one party formally opposed its Petition, and that party did not even attempt to contradict all of the reasons cited by SBC for reversal.² Even if the MO&O is sustained on reconsideration, no customer will be harmed by any delay in the refunds as the MO&O has already determined that interest is to be paid on the refunds.

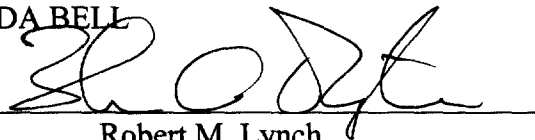
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, SBC respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for the filing of the refund report in the manner described above.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Reply of SBC Communications Inc., filed July 24, 1998, at p. 1. AT&T chose not to file an opposition, but attempts to respond late to SBC's Petition through an ex parte filing after the pleading cycle has closed. See ex parte communication of AT&T, filed August 4, 1998.

Certificate of Service

I, Mary Ann Morris, hereby certify that the foregoing, "Motion of SBC Communications Inc. For Extension of Time" in CC Docket No. 97-250 has been served on August 6, 1998, to the Parties of Record.



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